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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

SIR:

Applicants hereby **request a five-month extension of time** for responding to the Requirement for Restriction mailed February 14, 2001, for which a one-month response period was set. The extended period expires on August 14, 2001. The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of the 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) extension fee of **\$945**, or any additional required fees, to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number **11-0600**.

In the Requirement for Restriction mailed February 14, 2001, Applicants were required to elect one of the following groups of invention:

Group I, claims 1-14, 26 and 35-37, drawn to a fibrinogen composition and a method of maintaining the therapeutic effectiveness of a fibrinogen composition; and

Group II, claims 18-25 and 27-34, drawn to a method of inducing tissue adhesion.

In response, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the invention of Group I, claims 1-14, 26 and 35-37.

This election is made with traverse because even though the claims of Groups I and II may be considered by the Examiner as patentably distinct from one another, it is believed that

the claims are sufficiently related to be properly presented in a single application. Given the commonality of the subject matter here, examination of all the claims should not place a serious burden upon the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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